

## To Build Smelter At Milford

Smelting Conditions Steadily Improving. Deal Is Ratified.

(Special to Pioche Record.)

Salt Lake City, Dec. 18.—The mines of Utah have paid dividends during the year 1908 to the amount of \$5,537,716, the contribution of thirteen different companies. Compared to the figures given out a year ago at this time a decrease is shown of a little more than \$2,000,000. But this is easily accounted for by the falling metal prices incident to the business recession towards the close of 1907, the raise in treatment charges, and finally the closing down of all the competitive smelters of the American Smelting & Refining company in the Salt Lake valley by a decree of injunction following the trial of the "smoke" cases brought by the ruralists in the vicinity of Murray and Bingham Junction.

The mines contributing this year's dividends, together with the amounts, are set forth in the following: Bullion Beck, \$80,000; Colorado, \$450,000; Mammoth, \$60,000; May Day, \$42,000; Puritan, \$2,500; Silver King Coalition, \$562,500; Sioux Consolidated, \$126,716; Uncle Sam Consolidated, 100,000; United States Mining companies, \$2,770,500; Utah Consolidated, \$600,000; Utah Copper, \$702,500; Utah Mine, \$34,000 and West Mountain Placer, \$5,000.

Two of the foregoing mines paid dividends to their shareholders, yet not a pound of ore was sent to market. The Puritan Gold & Copper company, for instance, disposed of a large area of surface rights to the Utah Copper company, while the West Mountain Placer sold water to the Utah Copper company for use in the operation of its Coperton mill in Bingham canyon, from which a profit of more than \$5,000 was realized.

### UTAH SMELTING CONDITIONS.

Smelting conditions in Utah are steadily improving. All of which tends towards the advancement of the mining interests of Pioche. Every new smelter built in Utah not only helps the producer of Utah, but it also provides a better market for the output of the mines of Nevada. While doubtless the day is not far distant when Pioche will have its own mills and smelters, giving employment to thousands of men, at the same time, with a half dozen plants within a radius of eighty miles of Salt Lake City, doing business and reaching out in all directions for custom ores, presents a most gratifying situation. Amalgamated Copper interests have come into this state in earnest, and are getting ready to spend \$3,000,000 in the erection of a large smelting plant near Tooele, about forty miles out of Salt Lake city, and near the main line of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad. The appearance of this Amalgamated crowd into the local field was not heartily appreciated by the American Smelting & Refining company which had exercised every effort within its power to prevent the Utah Consolidated from carrying out its avowed purpose to build a new smelter and engage in the competitive smelting business. The American Smelting interests had bought Utah Consolidated stock heavily, and threats of an injunction were made to prevent the scheme being carried out. President Broughton of the Utah Consolidated, however, outgeneraled his opponents when he contracted the output of the Utah Consolidated mine in Bingham to John D. Ryan and his Amalgamated associates, who are to form a new smelting company and with which the owners of the larger stock interests in Utah Consolidated will be identified. The new smelter will treat all classes of ore, and will engage actively in the custom smelting business.

### PLANT AT MILFORD.

There is good prospect of the Milford smelter of the Majestic Copper Mines company being utilized. This plant has been leased to F. Augustus Heinze,

who is said to have acquired it so that he can carry out his contract with the Silver King Coalition company at Park City, Ohio Copper company in Bingham, and Eagle & Blue Bell in Tintic, to provide treatment facilities for the output of those mines. The contract with the Silver King company becomes operative in January next, and it is reported that Mr. Heinze has let a sub-contract to the American Smelting & Refining company. There is some question about the Silver King acquiescing in this, however, for it is claimed by officials of that corporation that the Heinze contract has become forfeited. In the meantime David Keith and Thomas Kearns of the Silver King directorate have been looking for an available site for a smelter, and it is known that they have sought Senator William A. Clark to get him interested with them in an independent smelting enterprise. The United States Smelting company is treating an average of 800 tons a day in its smelter at Bingham Junction; the American Smelting & Refining company's copper smelter at Garfield is running up to its full capacity; but this company's Murray plant is considerably below capacity, the management claiming a scarcity of lead ores. This same complaint has been offered by the United States management. The Tintic Smelting company has three lead furnaces in operation, but is accepting no ore from outside the Tintic district at present. The Independent Smelting company's copper smelter near Ogden is temporarily out of business, and its officials are engaged in a controversy with the railroads over a more equitable freight rate on ores from Bingham.

### DEAL IS RATIFIED.

At a special meeting of shareholders of the Pioche Nevada Consolidated Mining company held here last Saturday, the action of the directors of the company in contracting to sell the property of the company to Frank B. Cook of this city, for a consideration of \$60,000 was ratified. The Metals Exploration company is in charge of the development of the property, and a vigorous development campaign is now in progress.

Attend the Grand Masquerade Ball New Year's Eve at Thompson's Opera House. Masks and costumes can be ordered at Bowman's.

About the 15th of December there will be a display that will make you buy at the Drug Store.

A fine line of jewelry to select from at the Drug Store. All sold under guarantee.

Come and see our new line of jewelry that we have just received. Plenty of solid gold goods to select from at the Leader Clothing Store. 2-t

Yesterday Miss Saddle Atkin returned to her home in Beaver, Utah, and Miss Winnie Curtis to her home at Springville, Utah. We extend condolence to the young men in our community. Others have experienced the same. The poet says: "To know, to love and then to part make up life's tale."

## Local and Personal

For Rent—5-room house in perfect condition; water pipe in house. Inquire at the Drug Store.

A chance to get a large, beautiful doll at Bowman's store if you are a good guesser. Call and make a guess.

A chance in a handsome hand embroidered sofa cushion with every dollar purchase at Bowman's.

All are invited to call and see the beautiful Xmas display at the Leader Clothing Store. 2-t

Big Xmas bargains in children's suits and overcoats at the Leader Clothing Store. 2-t

See the line of ladies' belt buckles at the Drug Store.

Some of the finest purses and hand bags to be obtained at the Drug Store.

Some very fine books and post card albums at the Drug Store.

All kinds of nuts and candies for Christmas at the Drug Store.

The first installment of Christmas goods are on display at the Drug Store, and more will follow.

If you want to buy your sweetheart a beautiful present, don't fail to visit the Leader Clothing Store before buying. 2-t

Mrs. W. F. Connell, wife of Judge Connell, came to Pioche the other day to renew her acquaintance with the judge.

### Merchants' Cafe Opening

J. L. Bowman will open what is to be known as the Merchants' Cafe, tomorrow, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., with a turkey dinner, and all the good things that the California market will supply. The place, next to the Mode Millinery store, and opposite the furniture store of Scherzinger. Mr. Bowman, as a caterer, is too well known for us to extol his merits in this line, but it will be his aim to please his patrons and give them the best the market affords at all times. On Christmas a most excellent dinner will be served.

John A. Kirby.

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We had eighteen inches of snow this week. It is a godsend in many ways, but it covered up about four columns of the most interesting kind of locals. There was a lot about Mrs. George O. Sawyer and her preparations for an Episcopal Xmas tree and entertainment, a mining sale by James Tulloch to Edward Thomson, a visit from Stephen L. Goodale, assistant superintendent of the Bristol (it is a shame not to have his story of what is doing at that famous property), the home-coming of Dick Choate, the visit of J. A. Gallagher, of C. W. Griswold, the sheep man of Elko, and his mission of Willard B. Preston of Los Angeles, representing F. W. Braun, and Chas. A. Chase, superintendent of the Liberty Bell Gold Mining company of Telluride, Colorado, and, and—shut off.

E. W. Griffith of Las Vegas, spent some days here this week in the interest of county division. We hope to congratulate Mr. Griffith some day upon the fulfillment of his wish. Let us proceed by safe and sane methods.

### Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Nevada, will at their meeting, to be held Monday, January 10th, 1909, receive sealed bids for the County Advertising and Job Printing for the year 1909. Bids for the Advertising and Job Printing to be submitted separately. Advertising to be bid upon at so much per line per week, as is defined by statute. In the bids for the Job Printing, a statement of the quality of stock to be used in the different work is requested. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted. By order of the Board. Wm. E. Orr, Clerk.

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All visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

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